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WE call the attention of our readers to the report of the proceedings of the Supreme Council of the Farmers' Al liance and Industrial Union, printed on another page of this issue. The re port ought to have been printed sooner. But it was crowded out. Again, we ask our friends to give this report a careful reading.

We are willing to publish death notices and obituaries of reasonable length. But when a paper has a circuion so large as ours, there will be a And we must ask our friends to boil these notices down. We do not want to decline to publish these notices. But if our friends do not make them shorter, we shall be forced to do so.

Our correspondent who signed her self The Voice of Thousands did not sign her true name to her communication, and so we cannot publish it. But we agree with the sentiments and views she expresses, fully. Her letter has the right ring, and we wish every woman in the country had the same sort of pluck of our unknown correspondent.

----OUR readers will miss the report of proceedings of the General Assembly from this issue of our paper. We are so crowded with important Alliance matters that this course becomes necessary. We hope our friends will not complain of this. We want to give them whatever will most benefit them; and we think we should give special attention just now to Alliance matters

and movements. WE have received permission from Mr. L. R. Wyatt, one of Raleigh's most wide-awake and enterprising business for its privileges in the courts. The public printing. We have taken no the lower counties asking that each the agencies at the different ports of men, to invite all our friends in town present General Assembly has the part in the discussion at all. We will member of the Alliance in North Caroand country to visit his place of busi- power in its hands to bring this cor- say, however, that we have not under- lina give ten cents to aid two brethren ness on Fayetteville street. If you poration to terms. If it fails to use stood, and do not now understand, that in getting them a horse each to enable shall be to inspect, personally, the will accept this invitation and go in this power, we shall know the reason this discussion has involved, or evolved, them to make a crop. Now if this books of each agency as often as he with eyes wide open, as we recently why. We want no compromise of any proposition to change the "sys- brother had calculated a little, that is may see fit and report once each year did, you will be amply rewarded for this matter that will exempt this cor- tem" of the public printing. We un- if he really expected that amount from to the finance committee, and oftener the time is not far distant when the your trip. If you need a harvester, or poration from any of the burdens of derstood all along that the questions every member of the Alliance, he should he deem it necessary. He should a reaper, or a mower, or a harrow, or taxation borne by any other people or were whether the printing should be would have found that ten cents per also keep himself informed as to the a plow, or a corn-sheller, or a feed mill, corporation. We would be willing to done by the present printer or another; member would not only have bought state of the foreign market, and by or a grindstone, or a one-man cross-cut grant them all else they ask if they whether the State should pay a certain two horses but a good-sized drove, and that regulate the amount of cotton put and defend and support.

Wyatt and he will treat you right and come in this generation. give you the very best values for your

A LETTER from brother J. F. Hart sell, Secretary of Sub-Alliance No. 197 says the drones in his Alliance are all dead—drowned by the wet weather of the present winter. He says the membership of his Alliance is now made up of working bees only. We congratulate that Alliance. We expect to always hear good news from that Alliance. We thank you, brother, for the kind words you write about The Pro-GRESSIVE FARMER. Write again.

Have you seen the Alliance Grant March? It's a beauty, sure.

WE learn that the Seaboard Air Line will reach Atlanta in the early fall of the present year. This will give the Seaboard system connections thorough Georgia and Florida. We also hear it whispered that, when these Southern connections are established, the road from Richmond to Ridgeway will be built. We should like ts see all these things brought about. We think the management of the Seaboard Air Line is the most enlightened and the fairest railway managementwe know anything about, and any acts granting such power are t we want to see it succeed.

Major McClammy has introduced a resolution into the House of Representatives to discharge the committees from the consideration of the Sub-Treasury bill and the Free Coinage bill, and instructing the committees to report these bills back to the House for its immediate action. We are glad to see that there is one man in the National House of Representatives who is not afraid of the sneers and jeers of finances, who live eastward from Washington City. The farmers of North Carolina will gratefully remember Maj. McClammy for his friendly action

WE desire our readers to carefully study the plan of Col. Wm. H. S Burgwyn, printed upon another page of this paper, for securing prosperity to the farmers of North Corolina by means of State loans of money. We know of no one who denies the right and duty of a State to borrow money to make internal improvements. And if a State can borrow money to secure the prosperity of her people along one line of development, why can she not borrow it to secure prosperity for her people along another line? We think Col. Burgwyn's plan has merit, and we hope the legislature will give it the con sideration its importance demands.

The enemies of the Alliance have ceased to make any open attacks upon our State Secretary, but we have learned that they are industriously circulating false reports about him which they dare not openly avow. The object of this sort of persecution is too obvious to require comment. Bro. Beddingfield is a gentleman of irreproachable character, and no word of suspicion was ever breathed against his good name until some of the friends great number of such notices sent to it. of a Railroad Commission began to mention him as a suitable man for one of the commissioners. It will be borne in mind that these attacks come from parties who are enemies both to the Alliance and to a Railroad Commission and are made not because of personal enmity to Bro. Beddingfield but because he is a prominent and trusted Allianceman, a known friend to a commission and a faithful advocate of the rights of the masses. No prominent member of our order who has the manhood to assert his convictions and stand by them is free from such attacks or ever will be. They are a direct thrust question at issue. When the editor of misfortune so as to be in need of the cotton shipped to the agency in their the commissioners of the county to at the Alliance and will be so considered by the people.

> of the Wilmington and Weldon Rail- dodge. road. We would never grant a recharter of the Petersbug road until the the unqualified right of taxation upon eral Assembly to vote to continue the the part of the State. If we could influence the present General Assembly charter to the Wilmington and Wel- have not advised anybody to do, or not is, sometime ago there was an appeal

the dirt out of anything except an and if the opportunity now present is sure ourself that we understand it. editor's conscience. Call and see Mr. allowed to pass another like it may not

THE following bill has been introduced into both Houses of the Legislature:

A Bill to be entitled an act to suspend the operation of Chaper forty-nine of the Code of North Carolina in certain cases and repeal certain provisions of

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Sec. 1. That no person, persons or corporation shall have the power to form a company under the provisions of chapter forty-nine of the Code of North Carolina for the purpose or with the power to construct any railroad that will connect the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad at any point on the line of said road with the line of the State of Virginia at any point on said State line, between the point where it is crossed by the Blackwater river and the point where the railway extending from Oxford in North Carolina to Clarksville in Virginia crosses said line, and any power heretofore given. to said Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Company or to any of its branches to connect with said State line between the points where said river and railroad cross it, is hereby revoked, and that extent modified and repealed.

Sec. 2. That no company already formed and organized under the provisions of said chapter forty-nine of the Code nor any company acting by virtue of any power granted by any act of the General Assembly of North Carolina passed since the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight shall have authority to build any rail road that will directly or indirectly connect said Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Company with the State line of the State of Virginia between said points and so much of any existing charter as empowers any persons or corporation to establish such connec tion by building a line or lines of rail road, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. That it shall be the duty Attorney-General to institute proper proceedings to dissolve any cor poration that may attempt to violate the provisions of this act.

Sec. 4. That this act shall take effect from and after its ratification.

THE PRINTING AGAIN.

The Progressive Farmer said dis tinctly in the beginning of the State praise us, and call our associates in printing contention that it meant to take no part in the fight, and it strictly and scrupulously adhered to its promise | Cade—is responsible for the position of | the cotton crop could not only be dishave given our reasons for taking this printing discussion. If that position but that the price could also to a great position twice before. But we are wil | makes anybody appear before the peoling to give them again. We under- ple as a demagogue, the said editor is stand that line upon line and precept that demagogue and no one else. upon precept: here a little and there a little, must be the rule of all public teaching, so we repeat: The Progres- taking any part in the unsavory and This convention to be composed of dele-SIVE FARMER was charged by some who unhappy and bitter controversy about are on the Capital's side in this un- the public printing. And we say district (and that like conventions be happy affair with wishing to further that we do not intend to be put held in each district at the same time, secure the public printing contract for in a false light about this matter. We itself. It was also charged with being have had nothing to to with the matin a combination with other parties to ter, and we intend to have nothing to corruptly influence the people in favor | do with it. of those other parties. The paper distinctly and indignantly denied both these charges. We then determined that, as we could not take part in the discussion without being misunderstood and misrepresented, we would take no part in the fight at all. We gave notice of our intention in the beginning, and we see no cause to regret

Wilmington and Weldon consented to vise the Alliance members of the Gen-

present system of public printing?"

some grass seed, or some flour, or some State to tax their property as it taxes lower figure. We have never undermeal, or some hay, or some fertilizer, other property. We want it to be dis- stood that there was any proposition or some bone meal, or some meat, or tinctly understood that The Progres- by the Capital and its friends to change some groceries, or some clean clothes, sive Farmer asks for nothing more, the "system." If the Capital will you can get your wants supplied at and it will be satisfied with nothing bring forward a proposition to change Mr. Wyatt's place. With his laundry less. We esteem this the most im- the "system," we will give our opinion machinery he will undertake to wash portant matter before this legislature, of it within five minutes after we as

> We did advocate the lowering of the rate of interest. And we were defeated in our contention. And we did say we meant to get a legislature elected that would lower the rate of interest. We were defeated. And we take our apits friends, made a fight upon the printing. They were defeated. We advise them to follow our example, and take their appeal to the country.

> The Capital holds the Alliance responsible for the State printing con tract, and, as we understand, exempts the Democratic party from blame in connection with that contract. Well, speaking as the organ of the Alliance in North Carolina, we are inclined to accept the responsibility the Capital seeks to impose upon us. But we do not intend, as an Allianceman, to accept the blame for any unwise legislation that may have been passed and give the praise of all the wise legislation to the Democratic party. We intend to have all or none the Capital willing to con cede that the Alliance sent Vance back to the Senate? Will the Capital grant that the Alliance passed the Railroad Commission billthat the Alliance increased the school fund-that the Alliance created the Training School for girls—that the Al liance provided for the future existence and usefulness of the Agricultural and Mechanical College—that the Alliance in short, is to be credited with all the good and wise legislation of the present year? If the Capital will concede us all this praise we shall gladly accept any blame that may attach in the public mind to the printing contract. But we do not intend to take the one without the other. Do you understand, neighbor? We do not intend to allow Democratic orators to shrick themselves hoarse praising themselves for the good done by the legislature in 1891, while they put upon the Alliance all the blame for any mistakes said legislature may have made. We are hayseeders, it is true; and we may be green as the fodder we sometimes feed to the cows. But we are not green enough to make any such divide as we have indicated above with the Demo cratic party.

We thank the Capital for its good opinion of the editor of The Progres-SIVE FARMER, and we can reciprocate its kindness most freely and heartily. But we cannot allow our neighbor to this movement demagogues. The editor of The Progressive Farmer-Baylus it has taken no part in the fight. We nutrality the paper has taken in the

We say again, that no power on earth shall drive or wheedle us into tion of all Alliances in said district

THE ALLIANCE GRAND MARCH is a beautiful piece of music. Send us two new subscribers and we will send it to

> AURELIAN SPRINGS, N. C., Feb. 10, 1891.

Mr. Editor:—Please give me a little space for a few suggestions. Seeing so many appeals in your paper from dif-The Capital impliedly charges us ferent Sub-Alliances for aid for some with attempting to evade. In this it | brother or sister in need; and believing, does us grave wrong. How can we be as I do, that it is our duty as brethren more banks in the town or city where. charged with evasion, when we have to help each other, would suggest that the agency is located for the advance- Gaston county, in which he stated that taken no part in the discussion of the when any member should happen to ments of money on bills of lading for petitions were being circulated asking the Capital knows us better he will be necessaries of life, that a committee be town, the arrangements to be made so allow or order an election for the whole unwilling to make such a charge against appointed from his or her Alliance to as to secure the largest possible adus. We may often be found in the investigate and find out what the WE see no adequate advantage to wrong, for we are very fallible. But losses are or the least they can do with the State in the amended proposition the Capital will find that we do not until they can do better. For instance, The Capital asks us this question: to get another to make a crop, and the allow him to hire such help as may be Does The Progressive Farmer ad- horse he lost is not worth over \$30 or to cost \$100 or \$150, but to give him determined by the finance committee one to cost as near the one lost as pos-This question is very adroit in the sible. This would apply to any other we would induce them to refuse this Capital, but it will not succeed. We property, and why I mention the horse don Railroad, and let the company try to do, anything in connection with the in your paper from a brother in one of

of us did I hope they got their horses, he think proper he shall have power but will come back to the point. This to hold all cotton off for any number committee after ascertaining the loss, of days, in doing this he shall confer or the amount of money it will take to with all port agents. carried out, and would help in distress. Of course we are no insurance company and only mean those that cannot help other person, not a member of the themselves.

Success to your paper. Fraternally, W. M. MARTIN. TOWNSEND CENTRE, MASS.,

Feb. 11, 1891. Mr. Editor:—You have not found room for my "screed" in papers re ceived -but I see you are overwhelmed I have "been there" myself.

Don't send me more than one copyexcept when I request it—and then only when you can spare them, easily. I have circulated the extra copies, and some who have received them have acknowledged receipt and spoken well of them—but I don't know that any of them have subscribed—and that's the main point.

I am forming a general association for mutual help, and I hope we shall grow large enough to affiliate with your Alliance.

I am an old organizer, but have not the energy I formerly had, and cannot be confident of being able to insure the success of the M. H. A.; yet I have hopes, and have, already, got nuclei of branches in seven States, and expect to have others in four or five more States in a few days.

I don't ask you to print the whole matter of the circular—though it is mainly general matter, suitable for all workers—North or South, but perhaps you may notice it. (Don't, if it is not convenient to do so.)

I've got another "screed" for youwhen your "pressure" is not so great Yours fraternally,

WM. HARRISON RILEY.

WINTON, N. C.

I respectfully present the following plan for disposing of the cotton crop, to the Hertford County Farmers' Alli ance with the recommendation that if it meets with their approval it be submitted to each State Alliance in the cotton growing States, and should it be adopted by the different Alliances of the whole South. I am confident that posed of at much less cost to the farmer, extent be controlled by them. 1. That the cotton States be divided

into districts as may hereafter seem best, and that there be called a convengates from each County Alliance in the and after organizing they proceed to elect one man for each cotton port, or whenever it may seem best to locate an agent, such agent to be known as the Alliance cotton agent. He shall be a member of the Farmers' Alliance in prohibition paper proposes to defend, good standing and be a resident of the port district in which he is to be located. He is to hold the position during good behavior or so long as the different Alliances in the district may think best.

2. There shall be a committee appointed in each district known as the ning an anti, he will come out boldly finance committee, whose duty it shall on the side of temperance and of light. be to make arrangements with one or vance at a reasonable rate of interest.

3. The agent shall receive a commission on all sales, such as will in the this anti paper was to thwart the proa member loses a horse and is not able aggregate amount to a fair salary and gress of this grand movement.

of his district. National Alliance composing the cotton States, and at that meeting there shall truth that it was through the instruall the cotton States, his head marters deemed from this destroying evil. to be at some central point. His duties saw, or some wheat, or some oats, or will allow the unqualified right of the price for the printing, or get it at a if all of the brethren did as well as ten upon the market each day. And should

put the brother in a way to live, the 5. It shall be the duty of each port number he or she has in family, then agent to secure a proper building for let an appeal be published in The Pro- conducting the business, also proper GRESSIVE FARMER stating the amount storage for cotton. Insurance at the needed. This appeal must be approved lowest rates possible, a sufficient numby the President of the appelant's Alliber of clerks to properly conduct the ance and signed by the Secretary. business, storage and insurance to be Now comes the next suggestion, that charged to each shipper at actual first every Sub-Alliance in North Carolina cost, his commission to be large enough enter into an agreement that when to pay rent and clerk hire and still peal to the country. The Capital, and such an appeal as above mentioned allow him a fair salary. They shall shall appear that each Alliance pay pro confer with the general supervisor, by rata the amount asked for. What do telegram, if necessary of all breaks in you think of the plan, brethren? It the market at their port and get his would cost none of us much if properly advice before putting any cotton on the market.

6. Should any planter, merchant or Alliance, desire to ship cotton to the Alliance cotton agent, he shall have the same advantage as a member of the Alliance. This is done so as to better control the entire cotton market.

My purpose in presenting the foregoing plan is to secure to the farmer all the advantages in the sale of his cotton crop that they have not been able to secure through the numerous cotton commission merchants in all Northern and Southern cotton ports. I believe that the cotton crop can be sold at much less cost and at a much better price should this or some similar plan be adopted, by having all the cotton handled by one man in each port. There can be a large saving in insurance, storage, labor, etc., and this I propose to give to the farmer. I would also recommend that some Southern city be made the great cotton center instead of New York. There is not a pound of cotton raised for the market north of Virginia, and why should we go to New York with the most valuable of all of our farm products

James L. Anderson, Representative from Hertford Co.

Now, John Henry, if you expect to keep on the blind side of your best girl, you would better get two subscribers to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and give the preimum, Alliance Grand March, to her at once.

THAT ANTI-PROHIBITION PAPER

Morganton, N. C., Feb. 18, '91. Mr. Editor:—In your issue of Febru ary 16th you state that the first number of the anti-prohibition paper, published at Mt. Holly, Gaston Co., N. C., is on your table, and that it gives notice that it will discuss all matters of interest freely, and the title of the paper, of course, gives notice that it will take the side of whiskey as one of the articles essential to good government, good morals, good laws, and we suppose to prepare men for eternal happiness in the world to come.

In this article, Mr. Editor, we will not attempt any abuse; we are only too sorry that men suffer themselves to so far lose their better feelings that they are willing to resort to any means to defend their cause. It has only been about six or eight years since Gaston county boasted of her forty-five great distilleries in full blast, producing daily, by the gallon, hell broth enough to damn hundreds of men, and cause bitter tears from as many helpless women, besides the numberless amount of poor, ragged children crying for bread and hearing no response because papa is off on a drumken debauch.

If this is the cause which the antiour prayer is that the echo of the cries of the poor women and children who are suffering from the course pursued by a drunken husband and father, may so prey upon his conscience that he will at once strike out the prefix at the head of his paper, and instead of run-

I was so elated a short time since on receiving a letter from a friend in county to vote the whiskey traffic out of the county. On reading your article the thought struck me at once that

One of the grand principles of the necessary to conduct the business of Farmers' Alliance is its love for the \$40, we don't propose to give him one his agency. This commission to be temperance cause, and I do humbly pray that even more stress will be placed upon that clause of our Consti-4. There shall be a meeting of the tution, for it will be a glorious day for our grand order, when we can say of a be appointed a general supervisor of mentality of the Farmers' Alliance that our State and Nation has been re-

> We are afraid that our present legislature is a little too tender footed on the whiskey question. The temperance sentiment is growing every day, and man or men who stand up boldly and declare for the manufacture and sale enforce of whiskey to be abolished will be the slowly men whom the people will stand by the pr

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